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FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONER

OF

Public Lands and Buildings

TO THE

GOVERNOR

OF THE

STATE OF NEBRASKA,

NOVEMBER 30, 1878,

Together with the Reports of the several Institutions under the charge of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS.
LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 30th, 1878.

To His Excellency, Silas Garber, Governor:

SIR:—Under the provision of Section 22, Article V of the constitution of the State, I have the honor to submit herewith my first biennial report.

The new constitution of the State of Nebraska, adopted by a vote of the people of the State, at the election held on the second Tuesday of October, A.D. 1875, creates the office of Commissioner of Public lands and buildings. At the first state election held under that constitution I was honored by being elected to that office. I qualified and entered upon its duties in January, 1877, under the restrictions of the several acts of the legislature relating thereunto.

The duties of the department of public lands and buildings are under the management of two separate and distinct boards.

Section 19, Article V, of the constitution, creates aboard of public lands and buildings, and makes it consist of the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, Treasurer of State, Secretary of State, and Attorney General, and gives them general supervision and control of all the buildings, grounds and lands of the state, the state prison, asylums, and all other institutions thereof, except those for educational purposes, subject to such rules and regulations as may be provided by law.

Section 1, of Article VIII, of the constitution makes the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General and Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, under the direction of the legislature, constitute a board of commissioners for the sale, leasing, and general management of all lands and funds set apart

for educational purposes, and for the investment of school funds, in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

These two boards met as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the legislature and under their direction, I called in all records, books, appraisements, abstracts of sales, notes, receipts, stub receipt books, and papers relating to school and other lands, in the possession or under the control of state and county officers, procured books and blanks, upon which I have made as full and complete abstracts of all the common school and university lands owned by the state, as the material at my command would admit of. From these records I am enabled to prepare and present the following:

STATEMENT,

Showing the number of acres of common school lands belonging to the State on the 1st day of January, 1877; in those counties having records of the same, and the number of acres of indemnity schoo llands, confirmed since January 1st, 1877, located therein, and number of acres deeded in 1877 and 1878.

COUNTIES.	No. of acres belonging to the State January 1, 1877.	No. of acres of indemnity land confir'ed since Jan. 1, 1877.	Total	No. of acres deeded during the years 1877 and 1878.	No. of acres belonging to the State Nov. 30, 1878.
Adams	20080	.....	20080	80	20000
Antelope	31400	.....	31400	.....	31400
Boone	23040	.....	23040	.....	23040
Burt	16397 88	640	17037 88	40	16997 88
Buffalo	29422 47	278 12	29700 59	.....	29700 59
Butler	21560	.....	21560	80	21480
Cuming	20020	.....	20020	280	19740
Colfax	13503 25	762 03	14265 28	40	14225 28
Clay	20640	400 00	21040	.....	21040
Cass	15132 18	1640	16772 18	530	16242 18
Cedar	27699 14	.....	27699 14	200	27499 14
Dakota	6090 98	.....	6090 98	101 84	5989 14
Dixon	15699	.....	15699	10	15689
Dodge	16331 72	317 11	16648 83	240	16408 83
Douglas	8324 72	160	8484 72	40	8444 72
Fillmore	20328 51	.....	20328 51	20	20308 51
Franklin	20431 85	40	20471 85	.....	20471 85
Furnas	24607 15	47	24654 15	.....	24654 15
Hamilton	20480	.....	30480	.....	20480
Hall	19581 86	53 40	19635 26	.....	19635 26
Harlan	20315 33	122 10	20437 43	3 50	20433 93
Howard	20209	3090 30	23299 30	.....	23299 30
Gage	22918 31	.....	22918 31	890	22028 31

COUNTIES	No. of acres belonging to the State January 1, 1877.	No. of acres of indemnity land confir'd since Jan. 1, '77	Total	No. of acres deeded during the years 1877 and 1878.	No. of acres belonging to the State Nov. 30, 1878.
Greely	20475 20	80	20555 20	.....	20555 20
Jefferson	13699 53	720	14419 53	.....	14419 53
Johnson	12338	.....	12338	200	12138
Kearney	16830 70	.....	16830 70	.....	16830 70
Knox	35958 82	320	36278 82	40	36238 82
Lancaster	28296	.....	28296	415	27881
Madison	20400	3951 88	24351 88	40	24311 88
Merrick	14873 53	160	15033 53	.....	15033 53
Nuckolls	20320	160	20480	40	20440
Nemaha	11125 80	.....	11125 80	324 69	10801 11
Otoe	19916 88	320	20236 88	250	19986 88
Pawnee	17130	.....	17130	520	16610
Pierce	19200	.....	19200	.....	19200
Phelps	19680 24	567 61	20247 85	.....	20247 85
Platte	23629 08	400	24029 08	.....	24029 08
Polk	16508 94	.....	16508 94	.....	16508 94
Red Willow	25515 51	58 50	25574 01	.....	25574 01
Richardson	9220	.....	9220	390	8830
Saline	18869	.....	18869	520	18349
Sarpy	6398 58	809 07	7207 65	120	7087 65
Saunders	25813 15	.....	25813 25	560	25253 25
Seward	19775	.....	19775	425	19350
Sherman	20476 50	275 70	20752 20	.....	20752 20
Stanton	14730	.....	14730	.....	14730
Thayer	20147 52	.....	20147 52	110 80	20036 72
Valley	20137	347	20484	.....	20484
Wayne	15360	.....	15360	.....	15360
Washington	11635 20	925 06	12560 26	260	12300 26
Webster	20480	.....	20480	.....	20480
York	20480	.....	20480	.....	20480
Pawnee	.....	2240	2240*	.....	2240
Lancaster	.....	320	320*	.....	320
	1013633 63	19204 88	1032838 51	6770 83	1026067 68

*Deeded to the State by A. J. Cropsay.
* " " " " " Esther L. Warren.

STATEMENT,

Showing by counties, the number of acres of common school land estimated to be in those counties established but not organized, and in those counties organized but not having a complete record of their lands, and the amount of the indemnity school land therein.

COUNTIES	Estimated No. of acres Jan. 1, 1877.	No. of acres of indemnity land confirmed since Jan 1, 1877.	Total
Lincoln	92160	1172 70	93332 70
Cheyenne	211200	5853 20	217053 20
Gosper	15360	.....	15360
Hitchcock	25600	.....	25600
Keith	71680	1012 03	72692 03
Dawson	35840	1162 40	37002 40
Frontier	35840	.....	35840
Holt	81920	.....	81920
Chase	30600	.....	30600
Dundy	15360	.....	15360
Custer	92160	.....	92160
Wheeler	20480	.....	20480
Hayes	25600	.....	25600
Sioux	126720	.....	126720
Total	880520	9200 33	889720 33

Estimated number of acres of common school land in the unorganized territory of the State.....527360

COMMON SCHOOL LANDS.

COUNTIES	No. of acres sold prior to and in force Jan. 1, 1877.	Average app'd value	Average price sold for.	No. of acres sold prior to and surrendered since Jan. 1, 1877.	Average appr'd value	Average price sold for.
Adams	1040	6 46	6 70			
Antelope						
Boone						
Buffalo	2024	26 13	32 19			
Burt	1070	6 15	7 05			
Butler	1480	7 12	7 12			
Cass	9788 60	7 45	8 89	520	7 08	8 49
Cedar	1310	4 70	7 14	80	5 00	7 14
Cheyenne						
Clay						
Colfax	1590 15	7 66	8 66			
Cuming	3280	7 09	7 39			
Custar						
Dakota	690	6 32	8 33			
Dawson						
Dixon	250	7 80	7 80			
Dodge	9757 61	6 86	7 91	320	9 28	10 09
Douglas	4777 03	10 69	11 25	240	7 00	7 12
Fillmore	131 15	21 61	26 63			
Franklin	120	5 08	7 00			
Frontier						
Furnas	80	3 44	7 00			
Gage	2679	4 54	7 00	300	2 30	7 00
Greeley						
Gosper						
Hall	1479 50	6 66	7 13			
Hamilton	40	7 00	7 00			
Harlan	13 01	8 79	8 79			
Hitchcock						
Holt						
Howard						
Jefferson	956 50	6 05	7 37	40	4 00	7 00
Johnson	5057 67	7 11	7 31	20	4 00	4 00
Kearney						
Keith						
Knox	320	7 16	7 81			
Lancaster	8005	7 97	9 66	2425	7 83	8 29
Lincoln						
Madison	240	3 00	7 00			
Merrick	1112 96	7 96	7 99	40	8 00	8 00
Nemaha	7335 59	7 74	9 04	1879 40	7 22	9 14
Nuckolls	480	4 43	7 02			
Otoe	13068 44	7 38	8 45	3560	7 59	9 14

COMMON SCHOOL LANDS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES	No. of acres sold prior to and in force Jan. 1, 1877.	Average app'd value	Average price sold for.	No. of acres sold prior to and surrenderd since Jan. 1, 1877.	Average appr'd value	Average price sold for.
Pawnee	4890	4 81	7 20	440	4 73	7 00
Phelps	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pierce	240	7 21	7 29	.....	.....	.....
Platte	1538 10	6 04	7 06	280	6 90	7 39
Polk	168	8 75	8 95	.....	.....	.....
Red Willow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richardson	6850	5 72	7 91	800	7 81	7 01
Saline	5878	7 31	7 60	270	7 86	7 86
Sarpy	680	6 76	8 38	.....	.....	.....
Saunders	7332 55	7 29	7 39	560	7 00	7 00
Seward	5515	7 22	7 23	1220	7 00	7 00
Sherman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanton	970	5 80	7 24	760	5 66	7 20
Thayer	694	5 78	7 29	.....	.....	.....
Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	5920	7 92	8 36	80	11	11
Wayne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster	720	4 39	8 09	.....	.....	.....
York	810	6 32	6 75	40	10	10
Total	110362 86	8 08	9 26	13894 40	7 19	8 25

STATEMENT,

Showing the number of acres of School land sold during the year 1877.

COUNTIES.	Date.			No. of acres	Amt. of Sale.	Amt. paid	Amt of principal unpaid
	Month	Day	Year				
Cass	Oct	12	1877	2740 23	$21189 74	2443 74	$18746
Dodge	Oct	10	1877	678 50	4829 50	482 95	4346 55
Franklin	Feb	27	1877	5	70	70	.....
"	Mar	3	1877	5 86	64 46	32 23	32 23
Polk	Jan	1	1877	10	70	7	63
"	Dec	12	1877	621 10	6055 25	612 72	5442 23
Saline	Oct	4	1877	300	2210	353	1857
Seward	Oct	16	1877	830	7220	821	6399
York	Dec	11	1877	240	1680	168	1512
Total				5430 69	$43388 95	$4990 64	$38398 31

STATEMENT,

Showing the number of acres of school land sold during the year 1878.

COUNTY	Date			No Acres	Am't of sale	Am't paid	Am't Pr'pal unpaid
	Month	Da	Year				
Adams	Jan.	17	1878	2760	22030	2003	18027
Burt	April	18	1878	200	1400	140	1260
Butler	April	23	1878	920	6460	646	5814
Colfax	July	25	1878	240	1920	192	1728
Clay	May	11	1878	1000	7000	700	6300
Cass	Oct	22	1878	720	5080	508	4572
Dodge	Oct	15	1878	600	4480	448	4032
Fillmore	April	30	1878	640	4534 77	502 77	4032
Hamilton	June	19	1878	560	3920	392	3528
Howard	May	23	1878	640	5014 75	640 75	4374
Hall	April	10	1878	800	5600	560	5040
Lancaster	June	10	1878	1355	10365	1036 50	9328 50
Merrick	May	10	1878	569 24	5329	532 89	4796 11
Otoe	May	14	1878	1480	11520	1152	10368
Platte	Mar.	13	1878	920	6506 40	650 64	5855 76
Polk	June	10	1878	960	7560	756	6804
Pawnee	May	7	1878	40	280	28	252
Saline	Sept.	10	1878	360	2520	252	2268
Saunders	May	29	1878	1920	13480	1348	12132
Seward	June	14	1878	2790	20235	2035 50	18199 50
Sarpy	May	9	1878	969 07	7129 89	712 98	6416 91
Stanton	July	17	1878	220	1810	181 00	1629
Webster	April	25	1878	80	560	56 00	504
Washington	Mar.	1	1878	655 16	6030	709	5321
Total				21388 47	158764 81	16183 03	142581 78

LIST OF DEEDS OF SCHOOL LANDS

Granted during the years 1877 and 1878.

Grantee	County	Description	S	T	R	No acre	Consideration
C. W. Dake	Buffalo	Lot 207, S W	36	9	16		$ 51 00
" " "	"	" 14, S E	36	9	16		185 00
Mary McGee	"	W½ lot 41 N W	36	9	16		100 00
G. H. Cutting	"	Lot 169, S W	36	9	16		135 00
Dietric Fees	Burt	S W, S W	36	21	11	40	280 00
Lewis Williams	Butler	N E, S E	36	16	1		
" "	"	S E, N E	36	16	1	80	560 00
Thos J. Fountain	Cass	S W	36	12	10	160	1120 00
C. H. Parmelee	"	S E, N E	16	12	13	40	500 00
" " "	"	N E, N E	16	12	13	40	500 00
" " "	"	N W	16	12	12	160	1130 00
" " "	"	W½ N E	16	12	13	80	1000 00
John Weisler	Cedar	N W, S E	36	33	1	40	280 00
L. E. Jones	"	E½ N E	16	32	2	80	620 00
P. T. Hughes	Colfax	N W, S W	16	17	2	40	320 00
Carl Toelle	Cuming	N W	16	22	5	160	1120 00
Fred Wascher	"	N E, N E	16	22	5	40	280 00
E. N. Merchant	Lancaster	Lot 1, N E	36	10	6		355 00
G M. and H. K Wyatt	"	" 4, N W	36	10	6	5	550 00
P. D. Cheeney	"	S W	36	11	6		
" " "	"	S½ N W	36	11	6	240	1680 00
Fred Wagner	Madison	S E, S E	36	24	1	40	280 00
John C. Deuser	Nemaha	S W, S E	36	6	13	40	280 00
H. and N. Reckman	"	N½ NE SW NW	36	4	12		
" " " "	"	N W, N E	36	4	12	45	315 00
Lewis Thompson	"	S E, N E	36	5	15	40	700 00
Robert Guthrie	Nuckolls	S W, N W	36	1	7	40	280 00
J. J. Hockstetter	Otoe	Lot 35, S W	36	8	14	10	115 00
Jacob Cline	"	W½ S E	16	7	14	80	895 00
	Pawnee						
Thomas Nestor	"	N ½ S W	16	1	10		
" "	"	S ½ N W	16	1	10	160	1120 00
William Muller		S ½ S E	16	3	12	80	560 00
Snyder, Cornish and Wood	Polk	Lot 6 N W S E	16	14	2		100 00
Fannie M. Latham	"	Lot 9 N W S E	16	14	2		80 00

LIST OF DEEDS OF SCHOOL LANDS—*Continued.*

Grantee	County	Description	S	T	R	No acre	Consideration
Samuel E. Slocum.....	Richardson	S E, N E					.....
" " "	"	NW NE NE					.....
" " "	"	S½ N E, N E	16	1	16	70	782 50
John Longshon.....	"	S½ S E	16	2	15	80	600 00
Manly Enalt.....	"	W½, N E	16	1	16	80	800
Darwin H. Hull.....	"	N E	36	2	15	160	1120 00
Fred Zabel.....	Saline	S W, S E	36	5	2	40	350 00
Wencel Shestek	"	S½, S E	16	7	4	80	560 00
John Vastus.....	"	S W, N E	36	6	3	40	280 00
" "	"	N W, N E	36	6	3	40	292 00
Henry N. Blake.....	"	S W	36	5	4	160	1120 00
F. G. Farrell.....	Sarpy	N W, N E	36	13	11	40	320 00
Margaret Nichodemus	Saunders	E½	36	14	7	320	2240 00
John Barnek.....	"	N E, N E	36	17	5	40	280 00
Herman Dives.....	Seward	W½, S E	36	12	2		.....
" "	"	E½, S W	36	12	2	160	1120 00
Luke Agur.....	"	Lot 16 SW SW	16	11	3	5	110 00
Judith E. Turner	Thayer	Lot 1	16	1	1	10	80 00
John G. Rice.....	"	NE, NW, SE	16	1	1	10	100 00
Willing Dilling	"	E½, S E	36	3	1	80	560 00
Pratt and Lawson.....	Adams	E½, S E	36	8	10	80	560 00
Annete Shera.....	Cass	Lot 4, S W SW	16	11	14	10	170 00
John McCarthy	"	N W, S W	16	10	13	40	500 00
Franz Weiseler	Cedar	E½, S E	36	33	1	80	560 00
Joseph Wartman.....	Cuming	S½, S E	16	21	6	80	560 00
D. McDonald.....	Dakota	NW, N E, N W,	36	30	7	10	70 00
J. Bangens.....	"	S E, N W	36	28	8	40	280 00
Gerald J. Dillon.....	"	S E, N W, N W	36	30	7	10	100 00
Thos. J. Thomas.....	Dixon	N W, N W, N W	16	31	6	10	70 00
Hans Herman.....	Dodge	N W, S W	16	19	7		.....
" "	"	S W, N W	16	19	7	80	560 00
J. Jensen.....	Fillmore	Lots 97-98 S E	36	7	3		23 00
Theo. Hidenstadt.....	"	" 89 "	36	7	3		14 50
Z. T. Platt.....	"	" 72 "	36	7	3		15 00
V. A. Stewart.....	"	" 19 "	36	7	3		8 00
Jason J. Morril	"	" 102 "	36	7	3		8 00
C. H. Bain.....	"	" 74 "	36	7	3		18 00
Sherwood Burr.....	"	" 40 "	36	7	3		18 00
Britton Willis.....	Dakota	Frac. S½, N W	36	29	8	41 84	418 40

LIST OF DEEDS OF SCHOOL LANDS—*Continued.*

Grantee	County	Description	S	T	R	No. acr's	Consideration
Carl Hemback	Dodge	S W, S E	16	19	8	40	$ 280 00
James Belding	"	S E, S E	16	17	8	40	560 00
Fair Association	"	S E, N E	16	17	8	40	600 00
W. S. Belding	"	S E, S W	36	19	8	40	280 00
Chas. Noyce	Douglas	N E, S W	16	16	12	40	444 00
C. H. Bane	Fillmore	Lot 13, S E	36	7	3	.....	8 00
Emelie V. Northrup	"	" 81, "	36	7	3	.....	36 00
W. J. Carrier	"	" 87, "	36	7	3	.....	22 00
C. M. Northrup	"	" 10-11 "	36	7	3	.....	16 00
H. L. Smith	"	" 38, "	36	7	3	.....	8 00
John A. Dempster	"	" 82, "	36	7	3	.....	30 00
Julius E. Spear	"	"39-79 "	36	7	3	.....	36 50
Chas. A. Warner	"	" 85, "	36	7	3	.....	29 00
Walter Scott	"	" 4, "	36	7	3	.....	8 00
C. M. Northrup	"	" 94, "	36	7	3	.....	12 00
E. L. Mercer	"	" 106-107 SE	36	7	3	.....	16 00
Ida Camp	"	" 105, "	36	7	3	.....	11 00
E L. Mercer	"	" 108, "	36	7	3	.....	8 00
C. M. Northrup	"	" 95-96 "	36	7	3	.....	24 50
Mrs. M. S. Putnam	"	" 84, "	36	7	3	.....	28 50
Geo. P Wintersteen	"	" 109, "	36	7	3	.....	8 00
E. R. Spear	"	" 103-4, "	36	7	3	.....	41 75
Dempster and Lowery	"	Out lot 19, SE	36	7	3	.....	96 00
S. Harbaugh	"	" " 15, "	36	7	3	.....	102 00
Sherwood Burr	"	" " 14, "	36	7	3	.....	98 75
H. H. Martin	"	" " 20, "	36	7	3	.....	100 00
Rachael Chamberlain	"	" " 10, "	36	7	3	.....	91 42
Fred Bache	Gage	N E, S E	36	4	5	.....	.....
	"	S E, N E	36	4	5	80	560 00
H. W. Parker	"	E½ S E	16	4	7	80	560 00
J. B. Jackson	"	W ½, S W, N W	36	6	6	20	140 00
F. Miller	"	W½, N E, N W	16	2	6	20	140 00
Enos Barkeg	"	S E	16	4	6	160	1120 00
Chas. Marples	"	N W, N W, S W	16	2	8	10	75 00
Dalk and Mason	Harlan	Lot 7	36	2	19	3 50	28 00
M. W. Spencer	Lancaster	N W	36	11	5	160	1120 00
C. W. Marsh	"	Lot 11, N E	36	10	6	10	300 00
Adolph Driehouse	Nemaha	W½, E½, SE, SE	36	5	12	10	150 00
Moses Banks	"	N W, N E	36	5	15	40	600 00
	"	N E, N W	36	5	15	40	600 00
Alex Kearns	"	S W, N W, N E	16	4	13	10	80 00
J. W. Ford	"	Lot 7, N W	36	5	14	59 69	417 83
H. M. Atkinson	"	N W, N E	36	4	14	40	290 00
Ludwig Ruge	Otoe	W½, N W	16	9	12	80	630 00
Edgar C. Clayton	"	S½, S E	36	7	14	80	560 00

LIST OF DEEDS OF PUBLIC LANDS—*Continued.*

Grantee	County	Description	S	T	R	No acr's	Consideration
John Menchan.....	Pawnee	S W	36	1	10	160	$1484 00
" "	"	S W, S E	36	1	10	40	750 00
Walter Lock.....	"	S W, N W	36	1	10	40	280 00
Anton Wenzel.....	"	N W, N W	17	3	11	40	200 00
Wm. Schmidt.....	Saline	S E, N E	36	5	2	40	280 00
August Schmidt.....	"	N W, S E	36	5	2	40	280 00
Elizabeth Remington ..	"	S½, S W	16	5	4	80	640 00
E. G. Schall.....	Sarpy	S½, N E	36	13	10	80	640 00
Joseph H. Jackson.....	Saunders	E½, N W	16	15	8	80	560 00
J. S. Collins.....	"	S½, S W	36	16	7	80	560 00
Robert Gibson.....	"	S W, N E	36	16	6	40	320 00
S. N. Ball.....	Seward	S W, S W	36	10	3	40	280 00
W. R. Davis.....	"	N ½, N W, N W	16	11	3	20	240 00
Fred Scheuman.....	"	S½, N E	16	11	3	.....	.....
" "	"	N½, S E	16	12	2	160	1120 00
Geo. Englehampt	"	N E, S E	16	9	2	40	280 00
J. H. Yale.....	Thayer	Lot 12	36	1	2	7 92	95 04
Wm. H. Barger	"	" 10	16	3	4	2 88	23 04
E. Mullner.....	Fillmore	" 51, S E ¼	36	7	3	.....	10 00
Jennie Spear.....	"	" 42, S E ¼	36	7	3	.....	12 00
W. V. Fifield.....	"	" 47-48 S E ¼	36	7	3	.....	36 00
J. B. Lewis.....	"	Out lot 3 s E ¼	36	7	3		36 77
Geneva Cemetery Association.....	"	E½ S E N W	36	7	3	 20	160 00
Thos. Thompson.....	"	Lot 66, S E	36	7	3	.....	14 50
James D. Gage.....	Franklin	Lot 4 of lot 6	16	1	6	.....	70 00
P. Bendenagle.....	Gage	N E, N W	36	4	5	.....	.....
" "	"	S W, N W	36	4	5	80	560 00
" "	"	N W, N W	36	4	5	.....	.....
" "	"	S E, N W	36	4	5	80	560 00
Ludwig Moschel.....	"	E ½, S W	16	4	6	80	560 00
Jane A. Knight.....	"	S ½, S E	16	2	6	80	560 00
Wm. Fatge	"	N E	16	4	5	160	800 00
Haley Williams.....	"	N E, S E	16	2	6	40	240 00
James Burke.....	Harlan	Lot 1, SE NE	36	2	19	.....	55 92
Mary M. Summer.....	Johnson	N E	36	5	10	160	1120 00
Wm. Taggart	"	N W, N W	36	5	9	40	280 00
C. F. Mischke.....	Knox	N E, N E	16	33	2	40	280 00
Allen Craig.....	Washington	S W, N W	16	17	12	.....	.....
Allen Craig.....	"	W½, N W, N W	16	17	12	60	420 00
Wm. Lansing.....	"	S½ S E	38	18	9	.....	.....
" "	"	S E, S W	36	18	9	120	2374 00
Thos. Evans.....	"	W ½, N W	36	20	10	80	560 00

TABLE,

Showing the number of acres of school land leased prior to January 1, 1877, and now in force, and the appraised value thereof by counties.

COUNTIES	No. Acres	Av. val.
Adams	320	$ 3 50
Antelope	.....	.....
Boone	560	2 54
Buffalo	.....	.....
Burt	5181	4 28
Butler	1740	7 27
Cass	400	7 20
Cedar	280	4 50
Cheyenne	.....	.....
Clay	2280	3 11
Colfax	960	5 52
Cuming	920	6 88
Custer	.....	.....
Dakota	280	7 00
Dixon	.....	.....
Dodge	40	6 00
Douglas	1730	14 33
Fillmore	2081	5 13
Franklin	.....	.....
Frontier	.....	.....
Furnas	160	1 25
Gage	16390	2 10
Greeley	.....	.....
Gosper	.....	.....
Hall	.....	.....
Hamilton	240	8 00
Harlan	.....	.....
Hitchcock	.....	.....
Holt	.....	.....
Howard	.....	.....
Jefferson	4898	3 82
Johnson	1729⅓	7 53
Kearney	.....	.....
Keith	.....	.....
Knox	.....	.....
Lancaster	6885	5 47
Lincoln	.....	.....
Madison	1120	2 46
Merrick	9 46	11 00
Nemaha	2265	6 08
Nuckolls	1390	3 50
Otoe	1607	8 11
Pawnee	3830	3 43
Phelps	.....	.....
Pierce	.....	.....

TABLE—*Continued*,

Showing the number of acres of school land leased prior to January 1, 1877, and now in force, and the appraised value thereof by counties.

COUNTIES	No. Acres	Av. val.
Platte	120	4 00
Polk	1840	2 22
Red Willow	.....	.....
Richardson	120	3 00
Saline	2240	7 00
Sarpy	3660	4 20
Saunders	6172	5 75
Seward	430	7 18
Sherman	.....	.....
Stanton	.....	.....
Thayer	4744	2 25
Valley	.....	.....
Washington	2280	6 94
Wayne	.....	.....
Webster	.....	.....
York	1480	4 08
Total	80381 78	$ 4 452

STATEMENT,

Showing the number of acres of common school land leased during the years 1877 and 1878, and the appraised value thereof.

COUNTIES	1877		1878	
	Acres	Value	Acres	Value
Adams	2400	$ 11860 00	2480	$ 8260 00
Buffalo	53	186 00	840	3780 00
Burt	1230	5872 50	1320	4130 00
Butler	560	3920 00	2400	16830 00
Cass	480	3476 00	920	6600 00
Cedar	40	280 00	400	1270 00
Clay	3020	9880 00	9370	30740 00
Colfax	1120	5040 00	1960	8040 00
Cuming	200	1400 00	940	6720 00
Dodge	40	200 00	480	3600 00
Douglas	80	560 00	160	1120 00
Fillmore	1520	7200 00	3880	17530 00
Franklin	.....	.....	140	230 00
Furnas	30	130 00	483	1224 10
Gage	470	1530 00	2155	5295 00
Hall	156	620 00	1640	7360 00
Hamilton	40	220 00	1640	9920 00
Jefferson	1440	5560 00	3437	10988 20
Johnson	280	1960 00	560	3920 00
Lancaster	1880	6980 00	4240	17790 00
Madison	600	950 00	1960	3820 00
Merrick	.....	.....	80	560 00
Nemaha	1530	10900 00	880	5420 00
Nuckolls	880	2630 00	3730	9567 00
Otoe	520	3600 00	360	2600 00
Pawnee	600	2150 00	2480	8745 00
Platte	40	160 00	2880	11813 20
Polk	280	1960 00	160	1120 00
Richardson	600	2150 00	1400	5420 00
Saline	800	5870 00	1120	7840 00
Sarpy	80	640 00	160	820 00
Saunders	520	2720 00	2977	12991 30
Seward	400	2800 00	240	1680 00
Thayer	560	1320 00	5357	11348 75
Washington	240	1680 00	440	3280 00
Webster	120	670 00	4520	9830 00
York	1080	4040 00	8844	34840 00
Total	23889	111104 50	77029	297042 55

RECAPITULATION.

Number of acres of common school land belonging to the State on the 1st day of January, 1877, including that estimated to be in the unorganized territory of the State	2421513.63
Number of acres of indemnity land confirmed during the years 1877 and 1878	25845.21
Number of acres received on school fund loans	2560
Number of acres of common school lands sold prior to January 1st, 1877, now in force	110362.08
Number of acres of common school lands leased prior to January 1st, 1877, now in force	80381.79
Number of acres of common school lands deeded by the State during the years 1877 and 1878	6770.83
Number of acres of common school lands sold on time during the years 1877 and 1878	26819.16
Number of acres of common school lands leased by the State during the years 1877 and 1878	100918
Number of acres of common school lands owned by the State, Dec. 1st, 1878	2443148.01

Note.—The number of acres reported as owned by the State, includes all lands sold on time.

STATE UNIVERSITY LANDS.

Section Ten (10) of the act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to enable the people of Nebraska to form a constitution and State government," approved April 19th, 1864, provides that seventy-two (72) sections of unappropriated public lands within the State, shall be set apart and reserved for the use and support of a State

University. Under the provisions of this section of said act, selections were made by a duly authorized agent of the State.

The State has received from the Department of the Interior, confirmed list of university lands, dated February 17th, 1874, containing 71⅝ sections, or.....45119.93 acres

These lands are located as follows, to-wit:

Webster County	17803.48 acres	
Nuckolls County	4916.68 acres	
Cedar County	1600 acres	
Pierce County	3197.67 acres	
Madison County	2240 acres	
Knox County	4800 acres	
Dakota County	320 acres	
Dixon County	640 acres	
Holt County	8322.10 acres	
Antelope County	1280 acres	
		45119.93 acres

Of these lands in Webster county, there were sold on the 25th day of April, 1878, 1270.97 acres, aggregate price $10,414.84; paid in cash $1,041.48; unpaid $9,373.36.

Of same lands, in same county up to date, Oct. 31st, 1878, we have leased.....3525.05 acres.

Amount donated by act of Congress	72 sections	
" received as per above list	71⅝ "	
" due from the United States	⅝ "	
		72 sections

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LANDS

Under an act of Congress, entitled "An Act donating Public Lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, in-

cluding military tactics" approved July 2nd, A.D. 1862, a quantity equal to thirty thousand acres, for each Senator and Representative in Congress, to which the States are entitled by the apportionment under the census of 1860, selections were made by John H. Bradford, duly authorized agent of this State. The State has received from the Department of the Interior:

Confirmed list Agricultural College Lands, dated September 20th, 1871, containing	11504.96 acres
Confirmed list Agricultural College Lands, dated December 8th, 1871, containing	77947.82 acres
Total received	89452.78 acres

These lands are located as follows, to-wit:

Knox County	33490.64	
Cedar "	27677.96	
Wayne "	15648.98	
Pierce "	7835.20	
Dakota "	640	
Stanton "	320	
Burt "	640	
Dixon "	2240	
Cuming "	960	
		89452.78

None of this land has been disposed of.

Amount donated by congress	90000	acres
" received as above	89452.78	"
" due from the United States	547.22	

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL—ENDOWMENT LANDS.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 14, of an act of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, entitled "An act to locate, establish, and endow a State Normal School," approved June 20th,

1867, twenty sections of saline lands were selected and set apart for the purpose of endowing the State Normal School, established at Peru, in Nemaha County, Nebraska.

Set apart for endowment State Normal School 20 sections.....			12800	acres
Sold and deeded.....	80	acres		
" upon which interest has been paid in full to date.....	720	"		
Sold upon which interest has been paid in part.....	2400	"		
Remaining unsold.....	9602.36	"		
In excess in survey.....			2.36	"
	12802.36	"	12802.36	"

The unsold State Normal School lands are all located in Lancaster county.

REPORT

Of the Board created by section (4) of an act of the legislature, entitled an "act to provide for the foreclosure and collection of the securities held by the permanent school fund of Nebraska," approved February 15th, 1877.

LINCOLN, November 23d, 1878.

HON. F. M. DAVIS, *Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings:*

DEAR SIR:—We have the honor to inform you, that under the provisions of the act approved February 15th, A. D. 1877, sec. 4, the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer, have accepted conveyances to the lands mortgaged or other lands in lieu thereof, and discharged the mortgages of record, as against Lemuel A. Scoggin, A. J. Cropsey and Esther L. Warner, and you are hereby officially notified that the following described lands and lots have been deeded to the State of Nebraska; the deeds recorded; and that the real estate therein described is now the property of the State for the benefit of the permanent school fund by Esther L. Warner:

The northwest quarter of southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section eight (8), and the west half of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section number seventeen (17), and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and the south half of the southeast quarter of section number six (6), all in township number eight (8) north, of range number seven (7), east of the sixth (6th) principal meridian, and containing 320 acres, and all in Lancaster county, State of Nebraska.

By Andrew J. Cropsey and wife: All of sections twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), and the north half of sec. twenty-six (26), all in township three (3) north, of range nine (9), east of the sixth (6th) principal meridian, in Pawnee county, Nebraska, and containing 2,240 acres.

By Levi Snell and wife, by warranty deed, and by Lemuel A. Scoggin, by quit-claim deed to the following described real estate,

situated in the town or city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, and State of Nebraska, to-wit:

Commencing at the southeast (S. E.) corner of lot No. twelve (12), in block number thirty-three (33), in said town of Lincoln, and running thence in a northerly direction along the line of 9th st., a distance of forty-two (42) feet; thence west a distance of seventy-five (75) feet; thence south a distance of forty-two (42) feet to the line of "P" street, in said Lincoln, and thence running east along said "P" street a distance of seventy-five (75) feet, to the place of beginning; said property being a portion of lots eleven (11) and twelve (12), in said block thirty-three (33), together with all the improvements thereon.

Also a warranty deed from said Lemuel A. Scoggin and Elizabeth A. Scoggin, for the following described premises, to-wit:

Commencing sixty-two (62) feet north of the southeast corner of lot twelve (12) in block thirty-three (33) in the city of Lincoln, and running thence forty (40) feet north along "Ninth" street; thence west seventy-five (75) feet; thence south forty (40) feet; thence east seventy-five (75) feet to the place of beginning.

Enclosed you will find the deeds, and all the papers connected with the several cases, all of which you are requested to file in your office.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS GARBER,
Governor.

J. B. WESTON,
Auditor Public Accounts.

J. C. McBRIDE,
State Treasurer.

STATEMENT,

Showing the investment of funds derived from the sale of lands set apart for educational purposes as provided in Section 31, of an act of the Legislature entitled, "An act to provide for the registry, sale, leasing and general management of all lands and funds, etc.," approved February 19th, 1877.

HON. SILAS GARBER, *Governor and Chairman of Board of Commissioners:*

(Provided for in Section 1, of Article VIII of the Constitution.)

SIR:—I have the honor to report the following investments, as per order of board, as follows to.wit:

KIND OF BONDS	Perma'ent School Fund	Perma'ent Univ'rsity Fund	Nor'al Endowm'nt Fund
(14) Saunders County Bonds, $1,000 each, @ 95c.....	$13300 00	.....	.....
(3) Seward " " $500 " @ 95c.....	1425 00	.....	.....
(6) Johnson " " $1,000 " @ 97c.....	5820 00	.....	.....
(7) Seward " " $1,000 " @ 93c.....	6510 00	.....	.....
(32) York " " $500 " @ 88.1c...	14097 60	.....	.....
(2) " " " $500 " and acrued interest @ 85c.....	863 88	.....	.....
(2) York County Bonds, $500 each, @ 88.1c	.....	$881 10	.....
(1) Seward " " $500 " @ 95c.....	.....	.....	475 00
Amount of permanent school fund invested.....	42016 48		
Amount of permanent University fund invested.....		881 10	
Amount of Normal Endowment Fund invested.....			475 00

J. C. McBRIDE,
State Treasurer,

Lincoln, Nebraska, Nov. 30th, 1878.

INDEMNITY SCHOOL LANDS.

Section 7 of the enabling act of the State of Nebraska, provided that when sections sixteen and thirty-six have been sold, or otherwise disposed of by the United States, other lands equivalent thereto might be selected by the State as indemnity.

The several lists of such selections, made by the authorized agents of the State, now on file in this office, amount to forty-one thousand six hundred and fifty-eight and 18-100 acres. Of this amount but seven thousand four hundred and ninety-nine and 45-100 acres had been confirmed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, when this office was organized in 1877; since that time we have succeeded in having twenty-five thousand eight hundred and forty-five and 20-100 acres confirmed, which leaves of the original selections eight thousand three hundred and thirteen and 52-100 acres unconfirmed. Every effort has been put forth to reach a final settlement of these claims.

In addition to the amount above stated, we have applied for the privilege of making other selections in lieu of the Pawnee and Otoe Indian reservation, amounting to sixteen thousand three hundred and eighty-nine and 56-100 acres for the Pawnee, and five thousand nine hundred and eighty-two and 93-100 acres for the Otoe reservation. This application was forwarded August 7th, 1878, and will probably be allowed; in which case it would be necessary to make the selections at once, and, to provide for the extra expense we have asked for an increase of the appropriation for school land expenses.

The following communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, adds to the amount heretofore enumerated three thousand eight hundred and seven and 50-100 acres of valuable land, which has not yet been placed upon the records, owing to certain claims (not yet settled) against a small portion of it:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8, 1878.

HON. A. S. PADDOCK, *United States Senate:*

SIR:—I have had the honor to receive, through you, a letter addressed to me by Mr. F. M. Davis, Esq., Nebraska State Land

Commissioner, dated at Lincoln, Nebraska, the 27th May last, relative to the Fort Kearney military reservation in that State.

The said reservation is found to contain some 3,807.51 acres, in Sections 16 and 36, as surveyed pursuant to the act of Congress of July 21, 1876, statutes vol. 19, pages 94 and 95. I am of the opinion that the land in the reservation referred to, which falls within sections 16 and 36, is embraced in the grant for common schools under the act of Congress of April 19, 1864, statutes vol. 13, page 47, except such tracts as may have been occupied by settlers, with a view to pre-emption, prior to the survey, and that for any tracts so excepted, the State will be entitled to select an equal quantity as indemnity. The district land offices will be so advised in order that the school grant may be duly observed.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

J. A. WILLIAMS,

Commissioner.

STATEMENT,

Showing the school land expenses of the Board of Commissioners for the sale, leasing, and general management of all lands set apart for educational purposes.

Amount	appropriated for 2¼ years.....		$5000.00
"	expended 1877 and 1878.....	$3812.28	
"	unexpended	1187.72	
			$5000.00

NECESSARY LEGISLATION.

FORFEITURES.

1. There are at present over three thousand contracts and leases in force, on which interest is delinquent from two to eight years, and under the present law said contracts and leases can only be forfeited by expensive litigation, the expenses of which would, in nearly every case, have to be paid by the State.

2. Many of the lands now delinquent for several years, are as valuable as any owned by the State, and could be disposed of at once, if offered for sale or lease, and would increase the school fund a large amount each year.

3. I would respectfully recommend some legislation whereby these claims could be forfeited, and the land again disposed of, after a reasonable time

SELLING AT PRIVATE SALE.

There is a large demand to purchase these lands at private sale, at the minimum price ($7), but under the present law they can only be sold at public sale, and only once a year in each county. By selling at private sale, we could increase the sales, but the average amount per acre would be less, as those desiring land would, in nearly every case, purchase at private sale. Competition at public sale might force them to pay more than the appraised price.

On the 6th day of July, 1875, Daniel Gregg and wife deeded to the State of Nebraska (by an act of the legislature approved February 17th, 1875, entitled an "act for the relief of Daniel Gregg and Nathan Simpson,") the undivided two-thirds part of the north one-half of lots five (5) and six (6), in block six (6), of Nebraska City.

Said property was taken by the State in liquidation of a four thousand dollar claim against said parties for the moneys loaned the First Christian Church, of Nebraska City, October 7th, 1870, from the Permanent School Fund, and includes a large brick church, which should be disposed of at once if possible. It is fast decreasing in value.

A practical experience in the operations of the law, enacted for the government of this department in 1877, discloses a few incongruities, and renders some additional legislation necessary. In conjunction with the commission to revise the statutes, I have spent some time in reviewing that act, as well all statutes relating to the government and control of the public buildings and the sale and leasing of common school, university, and agricultural college lands; the changes made by the commission meet with my hearty concurrence and they contain all the additional legislation which I deem necessary.

We cannot doubt that those entrusted with the happiness and

destiny of a great State, so ample in resource, will take pride in adopting liberal and generous measures, sufficient in themselves to foster, promote, and protect this liberal bequest of the general government, and thereby afford the priceless gem of education to all, from the poorest to the richest child in Nebraska, and which will do lasting honor to the State.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS LANDS.

The eighth Section of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights," approved September 4th, 1841, granted to this State upon its admission into the Union: So much land as, including such quantity as may have been granted to such State before its admission, and while under a Territorial government, as shall make five hundred thousand (500,000) acres, for purposes of internal improvement. Selections were made by duly authorized agents of the State, and were disposed of in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the legislature entitled, "An act to dispose of the lands granted to the State of Nebraska for works of internal improvement," approved February 15th, 1869.

The following tables show the amount of these lands received from the United States, and also the errors in deeding the same by the State, amounting to 32,291.17 acres in excess of the amount received, and also shows 480 acres not disposed of.

These figures have been obtained from a careful comparison of the several lists and records in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, and we have every reason to think they are correct.

	ACRES
March 29th, 1870. Received from Interior Department a list said to contain	359708.06
Oct. 13, 1871. Received from Interior Department list said to contain	94232.96

June 17th, 1872. Received from Interior Department a list said to contain.....	18441.22	
May 27th, 1873. Received from Interior Department a list said to contain.....	22213.01	
Jan. 7th, 1874. Received from Interior Department a list said to contain.....	880	
Feb. 24th, 1874. Received from Interior Department a list said to contain.....	8656.61	
		504131.86 acres.
Less discrepancies—the difference between short and full sections—short sections being charged in above list as full sections.....		3319.86 acres.
Total number of acres received.....		500812 acres.
Deeded to Saline county for bridges...	1000	
" " Gage " " " ...	1000	
" " Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R. R.....	100030.32	
Deeded to the Midland Pacific R. R..	100384.08	
Deeded to the Brownville & Ft. Kearney R. R.....	19989.12	
Deeded to Sioux City & Pacific R. R.	47327.10	
Deeded to Burlington & Missouri River R. R.....	50104.77	
Deeded to Omaha & Southwest'n R. R..	100010	
Deeded to Omaha & Northwestern R. R	80416.24	
Deeded to Burlington & Southwestern R. R.....	20000	
Deeded to Atchison & Nebraska R. R.	12841.54	
		533103.17 acres.
		32291.17 acres.

Amount deeded in excess, being errors, viz: Land deeded to Burlington & Southwestern R. R., June 20th, 1870, and also deeded to the Omaha & Southwestern R. R. Oct. 10th, 1862, being the same.....		20000	acres.
Amount deeded to Omaha & Southwestern R. R. All of section 34, township 1, range 1, west.....	640		
N½ of section 27, township 23, range 4, east.....	320		
		960	acres.
Also deeded to Midland Pacific R. R. as above.....	640		
Also deeded to Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R. R.....	320		
Amount deeded to railroads and not confirmed in above list, described as follows:			
Sioux City & Pacific R. R. Northeast ¼ of section 5, township 22, range 10, east.....	160.88		
East ½ of section 32, township 21, range 8, east.....	320		
All of section 4, township 23, range 7, east.....	642.28		
Southeast ¼ of section 1, township 20, range 8, east.....	160		
		1283.16	acres
Omaha & Northwestern R. R. North half of section 33, township 24, range 4, east.....	320		
North ½ of section 34, township 24, range 4, east.....	320		
West ½ of section 35, township 24, range 4, east.....	320		
S ½ of section 8, township 24, range 3, east.....	320		
West ½ section 9, township 24, range 3, east.....	320		

North ½ of section 26, township 24, range 3, east	320	
Southwest ¼ of section 21, township 3, range 6, west	160	
		2080 acres.
Midland Pacific R. R. North ½ of section 24, township 4, range 1, west	320	
Southeast ¼ of section 13, township 1, range 1, west	160	
N ½ of section 3, township 6, range 8, east	340.40	
		820.40 acres.

SALINE COUNTY.

North ½ and southwest ¼ of section 12, township 6, range 33 east	480	
North ½ and southeast ¼ of section 16, township 6, range 3, east	480	
Northeast of southwest ¼ of section 14 township 6, range 3, east	40	
		1000 acres.
Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R. R. North ½ of section 12, township 31, range 3, east	320	
North ½ of section 12, township 32, range 1, east	320	
North ½ of section 15, township 24, range 5, east	320	
North ½ of section 34, township 25, range 4, east	320	
North ½ of section 24, township 30, range 1, east	320	
South ½ of section 24, township 30, range 1, east	320	
		1920 acres.
Omaha & Southwestern R. R. North ½ of section 23, township 6, range 8, east	320	

Northwest ¼ and west ½ of northeast ½ of section 2, township 3, range 21, west	237.28	
North ½ of northeast and southeast of southwest of section 3, township 3, range 21, west	118.70	
South ½ of southwest of section 19, township 4, range 22, west	78.57	
East ½ of northeast of section 20, township 4, range 22, west	80	
West ½ of northeast of section 21, township 4, range 22, west	80	
West ½ of southeast of section 21, township 4, range 22, west	80	
Northeast ¼ of section 24, township 4, range 22, west	160	
Southeast ¼ of section 25, township 4, range 22, west	160	
Northwest ¼ of section 26, township 4, range 22, west	160	
Northeast ¼ of section 27, township 4, range 22, west	160	
Northeast ¼ and east ½ of northwest ¼ of section 31, township 4, range 22, west	240	
North ½ of section 10, township 4, range 23, west	320	
South ½ of section 11, township 4, range 23, west	320	
West ½ of northwest and southeast of northwest of section 8, township 4, range 23, west	120	
Northeast ¼ of section 4, township 4, range 23, west	153.06	
East ½ of southeast ¼ of section 4, township 4, range 23, west	80	
		2867.67 acres.

Brownville, Ft. Kearney & Pacific R. R. Southwest of northeast of section 15, township 2, range 19 west.....	40		
Northwest of southeast of section 15, township 2, range 19 west.....	40		
East ½ of section 28, township 4, range 22 west.....	320		
Northeast ¼ of section 19, township 4, range 23 west.....	160		
North ½ of section 20, township 4, range 23 west.....	320		
		880	acres.
Amount on hand not deeded:			
North ½ of section 21, township 4, range 1, west.....	320		
Northeast ¼ of section 21, township 3, range 6, west.....	160		
		480	acres.
		32291.17	acres.

SALINE LANDS.

Section eleven (11), of an act of Congress, entitled, "an act to enable the people of Nebraska to form a constitution and State government, &c.," approved April 19th, 1864, provides that all salt springs within said State, not exceeding twelve in number, with six sections of land adjoining, or as contiguous as may be to each, shall be granted to said State for its use. Under the provisions of this act, selections were made by duly authorized agents of the State. The State has received from the Department of the Interior:

Confirmed list No. 1 "A," dated Dec. 23d, 1872, containing.....	35849.91
Confirmed list No. 1 "B," dated June 21st, 1873, containing.....	7663.34
Confirmed list No. 2, dated April 12th, 1878, containing	1880.13
	45393.38

Deduct and confirmed in lists "A and B" (same land)	160	
Deduct and confirmed in lists "B and N 2" (same land)	120	280
Total confirmed to date		45113.38

Amount reserved for State Normal School (confirmed)		12722.36
" " " Model Farm,	"	1115.35
" " " Asylum,	"	154.51
" sold as per deeds,	"	17516.16
" unsold,	"	13605
		45113.38

Amount reserved for State Normal School (20 sections)		12800
" confirmed (as above)	12722.36	
" selected (not confirmed)	80	
" in excess in survey		2.36
	12802.36	12802.36

Amount resserved for Model Farm (section 10) act of the legislature, approved February 15th, 1869, (2 sections) or		1280
Amount confirmed (as above)	1115.35	
" short in survey	4.65	
" selected unconfirmed	160	
		1280
Amount reserved for Asylum (section 1) act of the legislature, approved February 20th, 1873, (¼ section) or		160
Amount confirmed (as above)	154.51	
" short in survey	5.49	
		160
Amount deeded not confirmed		160
Amount donated by Congress		72 sec
" confirmed (as above)	70.11-16 sec.	
" awaiting confirmation	1 5-16 "	
		72 sec

All unsold Saline lands are located in Lancaster county.

The condition upon which the unsold and not otherwise appropriated and reserved *Saline lands*, were granted to the Midland Pacific railroad, by act of the legislature of the State of Nebraska, entitled, "an act to aid in the construction of a railroad, on the west bank of the Missouri river, &c.," approved February 22d, 1875, not having been complied with, the title remains in the State. Nearly all the lands are desirable for hay and pasturage. The board have taken the responsibility of leasing a few pieces subject to the action of the legislature, they would respectfully recommend that some action be taken by which these lands may be made productive.

PENITENTIARY LANDS.

The 9th section of an act of Congress approved April 19th, 1864, entitled, "an act to enable the people of Nebraska to form a constitution and State government, &c.," makes a grant of fifty (50) sections of land for a penitentiary or State prison. Under this grant, selections were made by duly authorized agents of the State. The State has received from the Department of the Interior:

Confirmed list of penitentiary lands, dated February 17th, 1870, containing 50 sections, or.....32044.01 acr's

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PUBLIC BUILDING LANDS.

Section (8) of the act of Congress cited in the case of penitentiary lands, makes a grant of (20) sections of lands for the erection of public buildings; this land was selected by duly authorized agents of the State, and by act of the legislature, approved February 10th, 1871,

was transferred to the penitentiary lands, and are included in that account. The State has received from the Department of the Interior:

Confirmed list of public building lands, dated February 17th, 1870, containing (20) sections, or..		12751.05
Total.....		44795.06 acres
	ACRES	
Amount sold to various persons.....	43438.35	
Amount unsold with the description thereof:		
S E¼ 26-8-5 Lancaster county.....	160	
S½ S W 26-8-5 Lancaster county.....	80	
E½ N E 34-9-4 Seward county.....	80	
E½ S E 34-9-4 Seward county.....	80	
N W¼ 30-9-5 Lancaster county.....	156.71	
S½ 4-10-4 Seward county.....	320	
S½ 14-10-4 Seward county.....	320	
N W¼ 28-11-4 Seward county.....	160	
		44795.06

STATEMENT,

Of Lots in Lincoln remaiaing unsold.

No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No. Block	No. Lot	No Block
7	8	8	47	11	135	3	167	10	173	6	195	5	228	3	233	14	260	1	277	5	280
8	8	9	47	12	135	6	167	11	173	9	196	7	228	7	233	15	260	2	277	6	280
15	31	10	47	5	136	7	167	12	173	7	197	8	228	8	233	18	260	3	277	1	281
19	31	11	47	6	136	9	167	7	174	8	197	10	228	9	233	3	267	4	277	2	281
12	32	12	47	8	136	12	167	8	174	8	203	11	228	12	233	4	267	5	277	5	281
1	46	13	47	9	136	4	168	9	174	9	203	4	229	7	239	5	267	6	277	6	281
2	46	14	47	2	137	5	168	3	179	10	203	5	229	8	239	6	267	7	277	1	283
3	46	15	47	3	137	7	168	6	179	11	203	6	229	9	248	7	267	8	277	2	283
4	46	16	47	8	137	8	168	5	183	11	205	8	229	1	251	8	267	9	277	3	283
5	46	17	47	9	137	9	168	4	185	12	205	9	229	2	251	9	267	10	277	4	283
6	46	18	47	10	137	10	168	6	187	6	211	10	229	3	251	10	267	11	277	5	283
7	46	11	48	11	137	11	168	5	189	2	215	11	229	4	251	11	267	12	277	6	283
8	46	13	49	12	137	10	169	6	189	10	218	12	229	5	251	4	270	2	278	3	284
9	46	6	50	6	139	11	169	11	189	11	220	1	231	6	251	5	270	3	278	4	284
10	46	12	50	7	139	12	169	12	189	7	221	2	231	7	251	6	270	4	278	5	284
11	46	8	72	8	139	6	170	1	193	2	222	3	231	8	251	4	272	5	278	6	284
12	46	6	75	9	139	7	170	2	193	6	222	5	231	9	251	1	276	6	278	1	286
13	46	1	78	10	139	8	170	7	193	7	224	6	231	10	251	2	276	7	278	2	286
14	46	2	78	11	139	10	170	8	193	8	224	7	231	11	251	3	276	8	278	3	286
15	46	7	78	12	139	11	170	9	193	9	224	8	231	12	251	4	276	12	278	4	286
16	46	8	78	2	140	1	171	10	193	2	225	9	231	13	251	5	276	5	279	5	286
17	46	10	78	4	140	9	171	12	193	5	225	10	231	14	251	6	276	10	279	6	286
18	46	11	78	5	140	1	173	7	194	6	225	11	231	15	251	7	276	11	279	1	287
3	47	11	125	6	140	2	173	1	195	7	225	1	232	16	251	8	276	12	279	2	287
4	47	1	135	8	145	3	173	2	195	8	225	2	232	17	251	9	276	1	280	3	287
5	47	2	135	10	161	4	173	3	195	10	225	3	232	18	251	10	276	2	280	4	287
6	47	3	135	1	167	5	173	4	195	12	125	1	233	7	260	11	276	3	280	5	287
7	47	9	135	2	167	6	173	5	195	3	228	2	233	13	260	12	276	4	280	6	287

The following claims for Lincoln city lots erroneously deeded by the State, have been filed in this office: Lot three (3) block one hundred and sixty-nine (169), deeded July 25th, 1870, to Baine and Philips. It is claimed that this lot was at that time in possession of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company as part of their road bed.

Lot six (6), block two hundred and forty (240), was sold to J. H. Barrett, Oct. 18th, 1870. The records of this office show this lot to have been deeded to Levi J. Kennard, on the 11th day of November, 1868. Some relief should be granted these parties, either by giving them other lots of equal value, or by refunding the money paid.

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

On the 21st day of October, the Board ordered the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings to have the north wall of the Capitol building taken down to the second floor, and replaced with brick, said wall being in a very dangerous condition.

The cost of these repairs amounted to eight hundred and twelve dollars and ninety-eight cents, as follows:

Architect, for examination	$ 25.00
Brick and mason work	446.90
Repairing foundation	6.50
Plastering	54.40
Lumber	91.50
Labor	67.00
Repairing gas pipe	1.00
Iron and nails	16.71
Insurance	24.37
Repairing roof, etc	54.60
Removing rubbish	25.00
Total	$812.98

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Received from sale of stone taken from wall	$ 35.00
Balance	$777.98

As the appropriation for Capitol buildings and grounds had already been exhausted, the above amount was borrowed from funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, belonging to the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

We would recommend that some action be taken by the Legislature in regard to further repairs upon the building, as the several experts who have examined it, all report it in a very unsafe condition, especially the roof over the south wing, and the dome.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Of the many improvements required, the principal one is more room for the accommodation of patients. This can be furnished by extending each wing of the building forty feet, which would give ten additional rooms to each ward, or sixty in all. The present stairways, dining, bath and attendants' rooms could be used, leaving the entire building for wards and sleeping rooms, and increase the capacity of the hospital for patients about seventy per cent. Another plan which has been suggested is to build separate buildings for the officers of the institution and remodeling the second and third stories of the main building into rooms for patients.

By this plan about the same number of persons could be accommodated at a less cost for buildings, as about fifteen thousand dollars would build and furnish suitable buildings for the officers, and make all of the necessary changes in the present building. If this plan should be adopted, we would respectfully recommend that the several officers of the institution be required to furnish their own provisions, servant hire, &c., the State only to provide rooms, fuel and lights, and that their salaries be raised sufficient to cover the extra expense.

The addition of one hundred and sixty acres of land to the present farm would add materially to the income of the institution, and conld be farmed by the inmates with but small additional expense, and as the State now owns one-half section adjoining the Hospital farm, we would respectfully recommend that at least one-fourth of a section be set apart for the above purpose.

FENCING.

The suggestion of the superintendent that a portion of the grounds be fenced and supplied with shade and ornamental trees is endorsed by the Board, as it would add much to the comfort of the patients, without the present danger of escapes.

GAS.

We would also respectfully recommend an appropriation for gas machine and fixtures. The amount asked for will cover the expense of machine, piping and fixtures. This mode of lighting would greatly decrease the danger from fire, and lessen the cost of insurance correspondingly. At present the wards are all lighted with kerosene lamps, the danger from which is greatly increased from the irresponsibility of the inmates.

WATER.

We found the supply of water for the Hospital limited and of a poor quality. We have endeavored to improve both quality and quantity, by erecting a windmill at the river and forcing water into cisterns near the building. There should be at least two more cisterns constructed in order that a sufficient amount may be held to supply the demand when there is not sufficient wind to run the mill.

The cost of the mill and piping was about seven hundred dollars and has been paid for from the proceeds of the farm during the year 1878, and from the board of foreign patients. This investment was made extremely necessary from the fact that the salt water formerly used was continually destroying the piping in and about the building and would soon have compelled an entire overhauling of the whole system of water and steam pipes.

OFFICERS.

The following changes in the officers of the institution have been made during the term embraced in this report:

Superintendent—Dr. F. G. Fuller, resigned Nov. 16th, 1877, and Dr. H. P. Mathewson was appointed his successor.

Steward—J. C. Shurtz, resigned Feb. 1st, 1878, and O. M. Druse was appointed to fill vacancy.

FINANCES.

The appropriations made for the Hospital for the Insane, for the years 1877 and 1878, were so limited that it has required the strict-

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the Hospital for the Insane during each month of the year 1877, with the amount appropriated for each item separately.

	January and February.	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expended	Amount appropriated	Amount unexpended
Supertntendent	$	$ 500.00	$	$	$ 500.00	$	$	$ 500.00	$	$	$ 500.00	$2000.00	$2000.00	$ .....
Assistant physician	.....	166 66	.....	.....	250.00	.....	.....	250.00	.....	.....	250.00	916.66	1000.00	83.34
Groceries and provisions	2023.04	503.65	718.54	418.90	413.94	788.17	408.61	404.50	1161.52	332.82	828.82	7999.51	8000.00	49
Clothing	262.31	45.35	65.41	.....	40.45	35.37	77.10	.....	387.03	70.38	14.86	998.29	1000.00	1.71
Employee's wages	1014.00	744.00	647.00	608.00	590.65	639.85	663.00	642.95	673.60	667 00	1016.30	7906.35	8000.00	93.65
Improvements on farm	110.61	23.20	17.60	30.55	5.00	25.40	8.60	5.45	.....	8.50	15.00	249.91	250.00	09
Fuel	1715.55	269.00	197.00	119.00	238.00	.....	64.25	.....	259 92	136.50	.....	2999.22	3000.00	78
Drugs and Medicines	57.98	45.35	45.60	21.90	67.23	38.58	33.57	27.35	57.41	44.22	157.98	597.17	600.00	2.83
Furniture	126.45	10 45	21.65	26 90	7.30	30.95	15.00	3.25	7.90	.....	.....	249.85	250.00	.15
Incidentals	137.76	46.50	17.37	22 79	60.05	68 44	93.00	6.35	44.35	3.60	.....	499.91	500.00	.90
Sewer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126.25	181.25	32 90	127.50	.....	232.10	1000.00	1000.00	.....
Total	$5447 70	$2351.16	$1730 20	$1218 04	$2172.62	$2052.71	$1544.38	$1872 75	$2719 23	$1263.02	$3012.06	25416.87	25600.00	$ 183.13

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Amount appropriated	Amount unexpended
Superintendent	$	$	$ 500.00	$	$	$ 500.00	$	$	$ 500.00	$	$	$	$1500.00	$2000.00	$ 500.00
Assistant physician			250.00			250.00			250.00				750.00	1000.00	250.00
Groceries and provisions	709.13	446.95	425 08	596.42	725.85	470 01	581.16	631 79	537.34	832.06	691.52		6647.31	8000.00	1352.69
Clothing	191.74	125.19	37.71	67 50	46.10	27.38	68.29	62.07	24 96	240.70	108.06		1000 00	1000.00	
Employee's wages	734.00	622.43	615 71	622.21	624.00	630.66	647.21	632.75	699.62	620.83	643.75		7093.17	8000 00	906.83
Improvements on farm	56.30		53.99	28 90		85.51	5.25	14.85		5.20			250.00	250.00	
Fuel	646.48	233 91	1001.45		57.82	56 54	83.69	84.21	271.52		373.00		2808.62	3000.00	191.38
Drugs and medicines	169 10	55.82	64.50	56.88		53.30	48.83	45.70	27 74	49.30	23.08		594.25	600.00	5.75
Furniture	111.10	54.15	21.60	13.27		8.90		40.98					250.00	250.00	
Incidentals	187 39	82.28	50.15	40.70	22.45	27 75	43.05	12.35		33 88			500.00	500 00	
Total	$2805.24	$1621.03	$3020.19	$1425.88	$1476.22	$2110 05	$1477.48	$1524.70	$2311.18	$1781.97	$1839.41		21893.35	24600.00	$3206.65

est economy in every way to keep the expenses within the amount appropriated, more especially iu the items of groceries and provisions, furniture and clothing.

The farm and garden have materially helped in the item of provisions. Much of the furniture in the wards is nearly worn out and should be replaced, also the matresses and other bedding.

That the Institution should be run with economy all agree, but at the same time these unfortunates should have sufficient of good and wholesome food, and be decently and comfortably clothed. The whole number of persons fed from the appropriation for the year 1878, have averaged nearly one hundred and fifty, an actual cost of less than fifteen cents per day.

When it is taken into consideration that the officers and employees have at least some better food than the patients it will be readily seen that the food supplied cannot be of such quality as we would desire to be furnished our own friends should they be so unfortunate as to be sent there for treatment.

Of the one hundred and twenty patients now in the Hospital, at least one hundred have to be clothed by the State, and no class of people are more destructive of clothing than the insane, and as the appropriation for the last two years has been but one thousand dollars per year for clothing and bedding it has been impossible to keep them comfortably clothed, we would therefore respectfully recommend an increase of the appropriation for groceries and provisions, clothing and furniture.

The accompanying report of the Superintendent, Steward and Matron, are complete and satisfactory, showing in detail all transactions of the Institution.

INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings assumed control of this Institution on the 16th day of March, 1877, relieving the Board of Trustees, and at once proceeded to settle the outstanding indebtedness with the funds appropriated by the last Legislature for that purpose, and after some delay, succeeded in making a satisfactory settlement with the contractors and sub-contractors, for all claims for labor and material furnished in building the Institution.

The only bills not satisfactorily settled are those of Samuel Bacon, the former Principal, which were presented to the Board without satisfactory vouchers, copies of which are attached to this report for such action as the Legislature may direct.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The grounds have been improved by planting shrubbery, fruit and ornamental trees, vines, etc., thereon. The basement of the main building has been finished and furnished, and is now used for kitchen, dining room, bath room, laundry, etc., and adds much to the convenience and comfort of the inmates.

On the 26th of July, 1877, the Board entered into a contract with Louis J. Meyers to build, for the use of said institution, a two story brick building, for work shop, said building to be fifty-seven feet long and twenty-five feet wide, to be built according to the plans and specifications adopted by the Board. The building was completed and accepted on the 22nd day of December, 1877, and found to be in every way satisfactory, and the work and material first-class. The building contains four large rooms for shops, and two basement rooms for storage, and will undoubtedly accommodate the Institution for many years for the purpose for which it was built. Of the three thousand dollars appropriated for said building, there has been expended two thousand nine hundred and forty-three dollars and eight cents, leaving a balance of fifty-six dollars and ninety-two cents unexpended.

On the 7th day of August, 1877, the Board decided to remove Samuel Bacon from the position of Principal and appoint J. B. Parmalee in his stead, of which action Mr. Bacon was duly in-

formed, and on the 4th day of September following we visited the Institution for the purpose of making the transfer, but found the building locked, and were one all refused admittance by Samuel Bacon, on the grounds that we had no authority to demand admittance.

The Board at once employed Messrs. Ireland and Watson to assist the Attorney General to take the necessary steps to get possession of the Institution, books and papers.

On the 17th day of November following, the Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska decided that the Institution was under the management and control of this Board, but that they had no authority to remove or appoint its officers.

A request was at once forwarded to the Governor for the removal of Samuel Bacon from the position of Principal, and the appointment of J. B. Parmalee, which request was granted, and Mr. Parmalee was at once placed in charge of the Institution, and has given entire satisfaction.

In 1876 suit was commenced against the Board of Trustees by Joseph Welch, for one hundred dollars, claimed to be due on his contract, ~~which suit was pending at~~ the time the Institution was placed under our charge. Albert S. Cole had been employed by the Board of Trustees to defend said suit, and has since had it dismissed. His bill for services as attorney, amounting to twenty-five dollars, is presented with this report; also the bill of Ireland and Watson for services in the case of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings against Samuel Bacon, amounting to two hundred dollars. We would respectfully recommend that an appropriation be made for the payment of these claims.

The accompanying report of J. B. Parmalee, Principal, contains a full description of the Institute for the last two years.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND,

TO SAMUEL BACON, DR.

January 1st, 1878.

For services rendered in establishing the Nebraska Institution for the Blind, from September 22d, 1874, to March 1st, 1875	$630.00
Money expended in establishing the Institute for the same time	544.00

Rent for Voss Piano, two years	240.00
H. G. Bacon, in August and September, 1875, for work on grounds	18.00
C. N. Bacon, same time and place	13.00
Seven yards of broken stone for walks	10.50
Stone step for back door	4.50
Six gates	25.00
Seeds, plants, shrubs, trees, and planting	25.00
Exchange	2.00
Repairing shoes for pupils	4.00
Expenses for Principal and Matron at the Convention of Instructors of the Blind, held in Philadelphia, August, 1876—railroad fare	142.65
Contingent expenses	30.00
Printing fund of the Association	3.00
Salary of Principal from March 1st, 1875, to January 1st, 1878	3400.00
Salary of Matron from December 1st, 1876, to January, 1878	433.33
Interest on the same as it became due	458.33
Interest on bills paid, June, 1877	238.75
Team and carriage one year and eight months	200.00
Use of library two years, eight months and one-half	130.00
Expenses of visiting Richardson and Douglas Counties	14.00
Rent of one sewing machine one year	20.00
Interest on current expenses from March 1st, 1875, to January 3d, 1876, (at which time the first money was received from the State)	75.15
Money expended in defending the Principal of the Institution before the Supreme Court against the usurpation of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings	202.00
Total	$6763.21

(Signed,) SAMUEL BACON.

[NOTE.—The above claim was presented to and not allowed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.]

Estimates for Two Years from March 31st, 1879.

		TOTAL FOR TWO Y'RS.
Living expenses, servant hire, fuel, etc., per year,	$4500.00–	$9000.00
Officers and teachers, per year	2500.00–	5000.00
Musical instruments, " "	100.00–	200.00
Books and apparatus, " "	300.00–	600.00
Furniture and bedding, " "	400.00–	800 00
Physician and medicine, "	100.00–	200.00
Clothing for poor, "	100.00–	200.00
Improvement on building and grounds		1000.00
	$8000.00–	$17000.00

Unpaid Claims.

Watson & Ireland, attorney fee	$200.00
Albert S. Cole, " "	25.00
Total	$225.00

FINANCES.

Of the nine thousand eight hundred dollars appropriated for the year 1877, there was a balance unexpended of five thousand nine hundred and two and 73-100 dollars, of this there is due Samuel Bacon, for services as Principal, five hundred and seventy-five dollars, and Mrs. Bacon, for services as Matron, one hundred and ninety-one and 66-100 dollars, leaving a balance unexpended for that year, of five thousand one hundred and thirty-six and 7-100 dollars, and after paying the expenses for the month of December, there will still remain a balance for the year of 1878, of about three thousand dollars.

Of the appropriations made for two and one-fourth years, there remains seventeen hundred and fifty-three and 58-100 dollars unexpended to this date, of this but a small amount will be required, which will leave something over nine thousand dollars of the appropriations made to this Institution for the years 1877 and 1878 unexpended.

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the Institute for the Blind during each month of the year 1877, with the amount appropriated for each item separately

	January and February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expended	Amount appropriated	Amount unexpended
Prin., matron, teachr's and physician	$	$	$ 535.00	$ 30.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 347.25	$ 239.70	$1251.95	$3000.00	$1748.05
Improvement on b'ld'g & pavement	1.00	.....	4.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	127.33	132.58	1000.00	*867.42
Musical instruments and music	.....	.....	28.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.70	36.00	68.15	1200.00	*1131.85
Books, maps, charts, and apparatus	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160.85	162.35	400.00	237.65
Bedsteads and bedding	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900.00	900.00
Furniture and carpets	.....	3.00	19.00	.....	.....	.....	114.97	.....	.....	.....	79.75	216.72	400.00	183.28
Tools for shop	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00	400.00
Building for shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.50	5.00	.....	2200.00	.....	.....	640.00	2861.50	3000.00	†138.50
Trees, shrubbery and improvements on grounds	.....	.....	16.75	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.75	500.00	*480.25
Physician	.....	.....	.....	39.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.30	200 00	*160.70
Living expense, servant hire, fuel, &c	297.18	294.05	216.92	191.44	98.94	78 16	96.01	102 14	8 85	282 51	500.05	2166.25	5700.00	3533.75
Clothing for poor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00
Bal. due contractor & sub-contractor	315.55	525.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	841.12	842.62	†1.50
James Sweet	175.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175.00	175.00	†.....
N. H. Harding	135.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135.00	135 00	†.....
Mileage for trustees	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00
Salary of secretary of trustees	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100.00	100.00	.....
Samuel Bacon for supplies furnished in 1875 and 1876	.....	.....	1209.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1209.83	1754.13	†544.30
Total	$ 923 73	$ 822.62	*2030.20	$ 265 24	$ 215 44	$ 83 16	$ 210 98	$ 302.14	$ 8.85	$ 633.46	$1883 68	$9379 50	19906.75	10527.25

* Appropriated for two years and one quarter. † Special appropriation.

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the Institute for the Blind during each month of the year 1878, with the amount appropriated for each item separately.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total Expended	Amount Appropriated	Amount Unexpended	
Principal, matron, teachers, and physician	$	$	$ 525.00	$	$	525.00	$	$	$ 525.00	$	$	$	$1575 00	$3000.00	$1425.00	.....
Improvements on building and pavement	.....	16.50	64 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	414.00	327 43	11.40	.....	.....	833.35	*867.42	34.07	*unexp'nd in 1877
Musical instruments & music	.....	12.62	721 15	7.73	.....	11.00	.....	.....	9.90	.....	127.68	.....	890.08	*1131.85	241 77	*unexp'nd in 1877
Books, maps, charts, and apparatus	.....	146 15	88 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131.15	19.77	11 42	.....	396.89	400.00	3 11	.....
Bedsteads and bedding	159.94	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	217 48	.....	76.05	.....	456.72	*900.00	443.28	*unexp'nd in 1877
Furniture and carpets	342.80	.....	57.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00	400.00	.....	.....
Buildings for shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81.58	.....	.....	.....	81.58	†138.50	56.92	.....
Trees, shrubbery, and improvements on grounds	.....	.....	.....	427 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.99	.....	.....	.....	453 54	*480 25	26 71	*unexp'nd in 1877
Physician	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.85	5.00	20.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	33.85	*160.70	126.35	*unexp'nd in 1877
Living expenses, servant hire fuel, etc.	476.79	509 87	397.37	282.98	244.92	190.53	176.97	114.70	355.95	424.48	161.80	.....	3336.36	5700 00	2363.64	.....
Clothing for poor	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.00	100.00	76.00	.....
Balance due contractor and sub-contractor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mileage for trustees	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....
Salary of secretary of trustees	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
Samuel Bacon for supplies furnished in 1875 and 1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†544.30	544.30	†unexp'nd in 1877
Tools for shops	.....	.....	4.50	27.20	12.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.55	.....	63.40	*400.00	336.60	*unexp'nd in 1877
	979 53	685 14	$1860 89	745.46	283.92	731.53	196.97	528.70	$1680.48	455.65	496.50	.....	$8614.77	14423 02	$5778.25	

* Appropriated for two years and one quarter.

† Special appropriation

INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

On the 26th day of February, 1877, the Board of Public Lands and Buildings assumed control of this Institution, relieving the Board of Trustees, receiving all books, papers, etc., except those relating to the new building then uncompleted and under contract.

On the 5th day of April, 1877, we received notice from the Board of Trustees that the building was completed and had been accepted by them.

We ordered it to be at once occupied by the female inmates of the Institution. This addition to the building is a great benefit to the Institution. They now have all the rooms required for at least one hundred inmates, with the exception of work-shop.

On the first day of September 1878, R. H. Kinney resigned his position as Principal of the Institution, and J. A. Gillespie was appointed his successor. Mr. Gillespie comes well recommended from the Iowa Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and in the few months he has had charge of this Institution has shown that he has a thorough knowledge of the duties of his office in all their details.

IMPROVEMENTS.

We strongly endorse the recommendation of the Principal that at least two more trades be introduced at the earliest day possible, as it is one object of the Institution to make these mute children capable of earning their livelihood in after years. An appropriation of three thousand dollars would build a suitable building and furnish the necessary tools.

WATER.

The great difficulty in this as well as in the other State Institu- under our charge has been the scarcity of water. In this case the evil could be remedied by the expenditure of a few hundred dollars in sinking a well and erecting a windmill and tank, two additional cisterns should also be constructed.

FINANCES.

It will be seen from the accompanying tables that of the twelve thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars appropriated for the

year 1877, nearly four thousand dollars was not used, and after paying the bills for December there will be a surplus of over three thousand dollars for the year 1878.

In addition to the appropriations made by the legislature, we received from the retiring Board of Trustees five thousand one hundred and thirty-four and 48-100 dollars as a special fund to be used for the benefit of the Institution. A large portion of this money has been loaned to other institutions of the State.

The following table will show the various expenditures of this fund and we would respectfully recommend that the amount of three thousand and ninety-five and 2-100 ($3,095.02) dollars loaned to the Penitentiary and Capitol Building be refunded, in which case it could be used for the necessary improvement to the Institution.

SPECIAL FUND.

Amount received from Treasurer Board of Trustees			$5134.48
Amount paid for additional help		$ 544.10	
" " wagon		200.00	
" " furniture		131.55	
" " repairs		258.89	
" " three Babcock fire extinguishers		150.00	
" " trees, shrubbery, etc		386.14	
" loaned State Penitentiary repairing roof of	1886.13		
" loaned State Penitentiary water supply	430.91	2317.04	
" loaned capitol building repairs		777.98	
Balance on hand		368.78	
Total		$5134.48	$5134.48

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb during each month of the year 1877, with the amount appropriated for each item separately*

	January and February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total Expended	Amount appropriated	Amount unexpended
Principal and steward	$	$ 200 00	$	$	$ 300.00	$	$	$ 300.00	$	$	$ 300.00	$1100.00	$1200.00	$ 100.00
One teacher	70.83	70.83	.....	.....	212.50	.....	.....	212.50	.....	.....	212.50	779 16	850.00	70.84
One teacher	50.00	50 00	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	150.00	550.00	600.00	50.00
Alternate teacher	.....	25 00	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....
Foreman in printing office	30.00	15 00	.....	.....	45.00	.....	.....	45.00	.....	.....	45.00	180.00	180.00	.....
Matron and physician	33.33	33.33	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00	366.66	650.00	283.34
Additional employees and help	217.50	85 00	.....	.....	270.00	.....	.....	255 00	31 50	.....	141.00	1000.00	1000 00	.....
Living expenses	172.88	389.90	413.70	385.52	204.34	.....	361.63	212.22	360.21	339.41	618.08	3457.89	5000.00	1542 11
Clothing for the poor	17.79	10.65	10.10	13.15	6.30	.....	.....	10 40	.....	20.59	55.12	144.10	200.00	55 90
Feed for animals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98.03	.....	.....	.....	78.00	176.03	350.00	173.97
Physician and medicine	30.72	25.88	20.83	22.59	24.63	.....	41.67	20.83	24.54	26.48	26.49	264.66	350.00	85.34
Books and stationery	25.30	.....	6.70	.....	6.03	.....	.....	27.84	.....	3.65	3.90	73.42	150.00	76.58
Fuel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.35	350.31	215.76	594.42	1800.00	1205.58
Beds and Bedding	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50	.....	7.00	149 50	179 00	300.00	121 00
Furniture	.....	.....	80.75	27.63	17.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	80.70	209 88	250.00	40.12
Library	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.10	117.10	200.00	*82.90
Totals	$ 665.35	$ 905.59	$ 532.08	$ 448.89	$1411.60	.....	$ 501.33	$1356.29	$ 444.60	$ 750.44	$2276.15	$9292.32	13180.00	$3887.68

* Appropriated for 2¼ years.

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb during each month of the year 1878, with the amount appropriated for each item separately.

	January.	February.	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expended	Amount appropriated	Amount unexpended
Principal and Steward	$	$	$ 300.00	$	$	$ 300.00	$	$ 200.00	$ 100.00	$	$	$	$ 900.00	$1200 00	$ 300.00
One teacher	.....	.....	212.50	.....	.....	212 50	.....	.....	212.50	.....	.....	.....	637.50	850 00	212.50
One teacher	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	450.00	600 00	150.00
Alternate teacher	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....
Foreman in printing office	.....	.....	45.00	.....	.....	45 00	.....	.....	45.00	.....	.....	.....	135 00	180 00	45 00
Matron and Physician	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	650.00	350 00
Additional employees & help	.....	.....	338.50	15 00	.....	345 00	.....	.....	292.50	.....	.....	.....	991 00	1000.00	9.00
Living expenses	504.91	216.35	299 70	278.07	349 16	204.44	201 04	181.08	264 80	339 57	432 61	.....	3271 73	5000.00	728.27
Clothing for the poor	11 15	17 47	6.65	10.33	29.00	20.35	.....	4.51	.....	7.80	.....	.....	107.26	200.00	92.74
Feed for animals	20 00	.....	.....	.....	5.75	.....	10 00	5 00	89.00	37 30	10.00	.....	177.05	350 00	172.95
Physician and medicine	28 68	32.34	23 03	27.99	31.48	24.69	20 83	22 34	.....	52 57	20.83	.....	284.78	350.00	65 22
Books and stationery	6.50	.....	.....	6.95	5.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 34	.....	.....	52.04	150.00	97.96
Fuel	594.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	598 05	.....	1192 29	1800.00	607 71
Beds and bedding	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.98	.....	.....	24 98	300 00	275.02
Furniture	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.65	.....	26.48	.....	52.03	99 25	26 50	.....	206.91	250 00	43.09
Library	59.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59.36	82.90	23.54
Total	$1231.84	$ 266 16	$1550 38	$ 338.34	$ 423 29	$1426 98	$ 258.35	$ 412.93	$1305.83	$ 587.81	$1087.99	.....	$8889.90	13062.90	$4173.00

STATE PENITENTIARY.

By an act of the Legislature establishing the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, we were directed at our first meeting to advertise for proposals for the leasing of the penitentiary and penitentiary grounds and convict labor.

As provided in said act, advertisements were inserted in three papers of general circulation, one published in Lincoln, one in Omaha, and one in Chicago.

Said proposals were to be received until May 15th, 1877. At that date no proposals conforming to said advertisement had been received, and proposals were again invited by advertisements as before.

On the 20th day of September, 1877, the proposals were opened by the Board and found to be as follows—time six years:

W. H. B. Stout agreeing to pay all expenses of convicts, and the State to pay for same as follows:

Sixty cents per day for each convict for the two years ending September 30th, 1879; fifty-five cents per day for the two years ending September 30th, 1881; and fifty cents per day for the two years ending September 30th, 1883.

Another proposal by D. Crowell, as follows—time five years and three hundred and sixty days.

Sixty cents per day per convict for first year; fifty-eight cents per day the second year; fifty-seven cents per day for third year; fifty cents per day for the fourth year; fifty-five cents per day for fifth year; fifty-four cents per day for the remaining three hundred and sixty days.

The proposal of W. H. B. Stout being the lowest, the Board awarded him the contract and directed the Attorney General to prepare the same, a copy of which is hereto appended.

CONTRACT

BETWEEN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS AND W. H. B STOUT, FOR THE CONVICT LABOR, NEBRASKA STATE PRISON.

This agreement made and entered into at Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 22nd day of September, A.D. 1877, by and between the State

of Nebraska and F. M. Davis, Bruno Tzschuck, J. C. McBride and George H. Roberts, for and on behalf of said State, and as the Board of Public Lands and Buildings of the State of Nebraska, parties of the first part, and William H. B. Stout, of Lincoln, Nebraska, party of the second part, witnesseth: That whereas, the above named Board of Public Lands and Buildings did, prior to this 22nd day of September, A.D. 1877, pursuant to an act of the Legislature, establishing said board and defining its duties, approved Feburary 13, 1877, published in three newspapers of general circulation, which were published in Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska, and Chicago, Illinois, advertisements for sealed proposals for the leasing of the State Penitentiary, and Penitentiary grounds, and convict labor of said State, pursuant to said act, which advertisement was in the words and figures following, to-wit:

CONVICT LABOR TO LET.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, of Nebraska, until noon of Thursday, September 20, A.D., 1877, for the leasing of the Penitentiary, Penitentiary grounds, and convict labor, for a term of not more than six years from October 1st, 1877. The successful bidder shall pay all necessary expenses, including salaries of officers, guards, keepers, turnkeys, and other help, the heating of the buildings, boarding and clothing of the convicts, and all necessary expenses, the State paying to the contractor a specified amount (not to exceed 60 cents per day) per capita on each convict. The time each bidder desires to lease the labor, and the least amount he is willing to accept as remuneration for paying expenses, he must set forth in his bid, and the bidder who desires the contract for the least number of years; and at the lowest rate per day per capita, will be awarded the contract; said contractor to have the use of the Penitentiary grounds and buildings free. Bidders will be required to file with their bid a certified check for the sum of $5,000 as security for the filing of an acceptable bond in the sum of $100,000, collectible under the laws of Nebraska, in case the contract is awarded him or them.

Any contract entered into shall provide that the general management and discipline of the convicts shall be under the control of said Board and the Warden, and no contract will be made which

shall deprive the convicts of any of the privileges granted by law. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Further information will be furnished upon application to the Secretary. All bids should be endorsed on the cover, "Bids for Convict Labor," and addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, Lincoln, Nebraska.

(Signed) F. M. DAVIS,
BRUNO TZSCHUCK,
GEO. H. ROBERTS,
J. C. McBRIDE,
Board of Public Lands and Buildings, State of Neb.

And whereas, by reason of the premises and by the consideration of said Board, said contract has been awarded to said Stout, and an agreement directed to be drawn and executed therefor; now, therefore, it is agreed by and between said parties, and by the said Board on behalf of the successors in office of them, and each of them, as follows:

The said parties of the first part hereby grant leave, devise, and convey, to the said William H. B. Stout, as fully as by the said act and by law they are empowered so to do, for the term of six years from and after the 1st day of October, A.D. 1877, and after the final acceptance, execution and delivery of this contract, the State Penitentiary of the State of Nebraska, and all the grounds, yards, shops, and outbuildings connected with the same, and property belonging thereto, and agree to pay to the said Stout the sum of *sixty* cents per diem per capita for each and every convict in said Penitentiary for the full term of two years from the first day of October, A.D, 1877, the sum of *fifty five* cents per diem per capita for each and every convict confined in said Penitentiary for the full term of two years from the first day of October, 1879, and *fifty* cents per diem per capita for each and every convict confined in said Penitentiary for the full term of two years from the first day of October, 1881, and until the full conclusion and termination of said lease; and also lease, hire, set over, and convey to said Stout as fully as by said act and by law they are empowered so to do, all the labor, services, earnings, and wages of each and all convicts that now are or hereafter shall or may be confined in said State Penitentiary, or sentenced thereto, during and all times for the full term of six

years. In consideration whereof, the said William H. B. Stout agrees on his part, at his own proper expense, to board and clothe all such convicts in the manner prescribed by law, and to pay and defray all the expenses necessarily incurred in the maintenance of said Penitentiary, including the salaries and compensation of all necessary officers and guards, and the board of guards and other help therefor during the said full term of six years from the first day of October, A.D. 1877; and to restore said buildings, shops yards and grounds at the end of said term in as good condition as the same now are, reasonable damage by use, and wear and tear, loss by fire, the act of God and public enemies excepted.

It is agreed that the salaries of officers and guards, and the number of officers and guards, shall not be increased beyond the number and ratio now considered necessary for the safe keeping and retention of the 105 convicts confined in said State Penitentiary at the time of making of said proposals as aforesaid.

The said Stout is to have and exercise the exclusive right to assign convicts to trades and occupations, and shall furnish them with wholesome food and suitable clothing, in all respects in both instances equal to the average of that furnished to convicts in other penitentiaries in the United States.

For all purposes as between the parties to this contract, ten hours shall be regarded as constituting a day's labor, and the compensation herein agreed to be paid to said Stout shall be computed, audited, and allowed on the first Monday of each and every calendar month. All tools, wagons, horses, live stock, cooking utensils, apparatus, and personal property of whatever nature which shall be delivered to said Stout, shall be inventoried and appraised by two persons, to be agreed on by the parties to this agreement, and at the end of said term of six years, said Stout, shall at his option, return the same or other articles of like kind and quality, to pay said appraised value thereof.

The State reserves the right to make any and all temporary or permanent improvements and buildings pertaining in any manner to the Penitentiary, or any part or portion thereof, and the right to use the grounds and buildings during the time of construction.

This contract shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of October, A.D. 1877, and upon the execution by said Stout, with good and sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction and ap-

proval of said Board, to the State of Nebraska, in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance by the said Stout of all the stipulations and agreements on his behalf in the contract contained.

The State reserves for the use of the officers and guards, the following rooms:

Two rooms now used by the Warden.

The two rooms now used by the Deputy Warden. The Deputy Warden's office and Library.

The necessary rooms for the Guards; said rooms to be in the main building.

The parties of the first part guaranty the preservation of strict discipline, and for that purpose, and pursuant to law, retain the general management and control of said Penitentiary, Penitentiary grounds, and convicts, and the right to employ officers and guards.

Signed, sealed, and delivered this twenty-second day of September, A.D. 1877.

(Signed), J. C. McBRIDE, *State Treasurer.*
F. M. DAVIS, *Com. of Pub. Lands and Buildings.*
BRUNO TZSCHUCK, *Secretary of State.*
GEO. H. ROBERTS, *Attorney-General.*
} *Board of Public Lands and Buildings.*

W. H. B. STOUT.

In the presence of

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK,
G. M. BARTLETT,
OTTO FUNKE.

STATE OF NEBRASKA,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Received and filed for record this twenty-ninth day of September, A.D. 1877.

(Signed), BRUNO TZSCHUCK, *Secretary of State.*

Recorded in Book of Record "A," pages 263, 264, 265, 266, Secretary's Office.

On the 11th day of October, 1877, the Board requested Governor Garber to remove L. F. Wyman from the position of Warden of the Penitentiary, for good and sufficient cause, and on the 30th day of the same month Governor Garber notified the Board that he had removed said L. F. Wyman on the 17th day of October, and on the 24th day of the same month appointed H. C. Dawson as his successor.

REPAIRS.

On the 6th day of June, 1877, the roof was blown from nearly the whole of the cell house, taking a portion of the rafters and roof boards, and nearly all of the tin. It was necessary that the same be replaced at once, as heavy rains were destroying the walls and ceiling.

Work was commenced as soon as material could be procured, and the roof replaced at a cost of two thousand and twenty-one dollars and ninety-three cents, as follows:

Carpenter work, lumber and nails	$ 325.70
Tin, strips, paint and labor	1696.23

Of this amount one hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty cents were paid from the sale of hogs belonging to the Penitentiary, and the balance from money in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board belonging to the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

In May, 1878, the Board ordered a windmill erected, at the well in the prison yard and the same connected to the building by pipes, for the purpose of supplying water.

This was made necessary from the fact that the water then in use was causing much sickness, and on being analyized proved to contain impurities from defective sewerage, and was pronounced by the physician as unfit and unsafe for use.

The total cost of the mill, tower, pipes, etc., was four hundred and thirty dollars and ninety-one cents, and was paid from money in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board, belonging to the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The following repairs and improvements are needed for the protection of the buildings and the welfare and safe keeping of the inmates:

COMPLETION OF WALL.

Over one-half of the wall around the prison and yard has no coping upon it, and is being injured very much by rains and frost, and, if not completed, will be entirely ruined in a very few years. The wall of the cell house should be raised at least two feet to protect the roof from the winds.

TOWERS.

Three of the guard towers on the walls have not been built, but the material is nearly all on hand and an appropriation of four hundred dollars would complete them. The

SEWERAGE

of this institution is very incomplete, and for the health of those employed and confined therein, should be improved if possible.

HOSPITAL.

There should be a small building built separate from the main building for a hospital, which could also contain cells for those sentenced to solitary confinement and for female convicts.

The rooms in the main building, designed for female prisoners, are over the main hall, are very unsafe. The floors are wood and have twice been burned through by one of the present convicts, which compelled us to order a temporary room partitioned off the Chapel, where no attempt could be made to fire the building without being at once discovered.

CELLS.

The number of convicts at present, for which the State is responble, is one hundred and twenty-eight, and at the ratio of increase, for the last two years. will increase during the years 1879 and 1880, over two hundred. To confine these we have but eighty cells.

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the State Penitentiary during each month of the year 1877, with the amount appropriated for each item separately.

	January and February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Amount appropriated	Amount unexpended
Warden	$	$ 375.00	$	$	$ 375.00	$	$	$ 375 00	$	$	$ 375.00	$1500.00	$1500.00	$ .....
Deputy Warden	.....	225.00	.....	.....	225.00	.....	.....	225 00	.....	.....	225.00	900.00	900.00	.....
Physician for penitentiary	.....	225.00	.....	.....	225.00	.....	.....	225.00	.....	.....	225.00	900.00	900.00	.....
Chaplain	.....	75.00	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....	75.00	300 00	300.00	.....
Dry goods	140 82	134.28	60 35	258.93	82 04	156.38	29 75	131 89	5.56	.....	.....	1000 00	1000.00	.....
Boots	20.00	.....	.....	130 50	47.68	.....	70.45	31 75	221.95	11.00	.....	533.33	533.33	.....
Drugs and medicines	70.45	15.15	14.95	19.20	14.35	32.45	.....	.....	.....	8.45	.....	175.00	175.00	.....
Tinware and repairs	.....	58.29	.....	.....	.....	12.55	9 10	.....	70.06	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	.....
Hardware and nails	122.51	.....	20 60	17.50	5.00	34·39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	200.00	.....
Glass and crockery	23 40	8.50	43.65	20.65	4.35	6 80	.....	12.65	.....	.....	.....	120.00	120.00	.....
Pumps and repairs (steam apparatus)	10 00	183.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.65	.....	200.00	200.00	.....
Stationery	37.53	8.10	16 75	15 40	17.30	11.75	12.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	118.98	120.00	1.02
Coal	1090 05	142.87	127 67	59.00	90.81	13 50	.....	117.60	1358.50	.....	.....	3000.00	3000.00	.....
Meat	634.66	266.67	220.59	316.75	319.20	278.48	313.38	304.33	110 16	235.78	.....	3000.00	3000 00	.....
Flour	189.50	212.00	182.50	198 50	883.62	78 13	145.20	152.80	.....	107 75	.....	1650.00	1650.00	.....
Groceries and provisions	1026 23	647.52	560 94	565 47	389.01	493.67	317.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	4000.00	4000.00	.....
Lumber	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.10	.....	100.00	100 00	.....
Feed for horses, cows, and hogs	73.55	23.70	43.50	39.75	11.50	15 75	12.00	15 75	47.50	41 00	.....	324.00	324.00	.....
Furniture and Bedding	64.51	.....	29 60	34 00	.....	.....	.....	53 00	.....	97 49	.....	278.60	324.00	45.40
Cash paid for discharged prisoners	54.00	10.00	27 00	.....	47 00	20.00	20.00	20.00	.....	210.00	.....	408.00	408.00	.....
Clothing for convicts when dischg'd	47.50	36.75	41.00	57.73	48.00	67 00	.....	32.75	266 27	.....	.....	600 00	600.00	.....
Coal oil	35.11	.....	13.10	.....	12.50	21.22	12.50	10.76	.....	74.81	.....	180.00	180.00	.....
Tobacco for convicts	135 89	8.75	44.20	37.35	43.70	51.82	12.47	28 66	.....	37 16	.....	400.00	400.00	.....
Six wall guards	246.77	101.39	135 40	104 15	111.80	124.98	109 00	104.15	.....	462.36	.....	1500 00	1500 00	.....
Two cell-room guards	120.00	60.00	60.00	60 00	60.00	60.00	60 00	60 00	.....	180.00	.....	720.00	720 00	.....
One foreman in laundry & tailor shop	60.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30 00	.....	90.00	.....	360.00	360 00	.....
Two keepers of storeroom & kitchen	120.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	.....	180.00	.....	720.00	720.00	.....
One stable and stock man	53.30	26.66	26 66	26.66	26 66	26.66	26.66	26.66	.....	52.65	27.35	319 92	320.00	.08
One engineer	100 00	50.00	50 00	50.00	50.00	150.00	50 00	50.00	.....	.....	150.00	600.00	600.00	.....
One night watch	60.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30 00	30.00	.....	.....	95.00	360.00	360.00	.....
Two turnkeys	120.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60 00	60.00	.....	180 00	.....	720.00	720.00	.....
Total	$4655.78	$3068.98	$1901.46	$2191.54	$2896.42	$1735.53	$1379.82	$2232.75	$2080.00	$2023.20	$1172.35	25337 83	25384 33	$ 46.50

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the expense of the State Penitentiary during each month of the year 1878, with the am't appropriated for each item, separately.

	Jan	Feb	March	Arpil	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total exp'd-ed	Am'unt Appro-priated	Am'unt Unex-pended
Warden			$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$1500.00		$1500 00	$1500.00	$
Deputy Warden											32 59		32.59	900.00	867.41
Physician for Penitentiary														900 00	900 00
Chaplain														300.00	300 00
Dry Goods	$1000.00												1000 00	1000 00	
Boots	533.33												533.33	533.33	
Drugs and medicines	175.00												175 00	175 00	
Tinware and repairs	150.00												150.00	150.00	
Hardware and nails		37 09											37.09	200.00	162.91
Glass and crockery	120 00												120 00	120.00	
Pumps and repairs for steam apparatus	104.27	95.73											200.00	200.00	
Stationery		120.00											120.00	120.00	
Coal		1622.07	1377 93										3000 00	3000.00	
Meat			657.87	1968.00	374 13								3000.00	3000.00	
Flour					1650.00								1650.00	1650.00	
Groceries and provisions	584.72				8.67	2054.40	1352 21						4000.00	4000.00	
Lumber		37.47					60.65						98.12	100.00	1.88
Feed for horses, cows, and hogs							324.00						324.00	324.00	
Furniture and bedding							324.00						324.00	324.00	
Cash paid for discharge prisoners							99.19	308.81					408.00	408 00	
Clothing for convicts when discharged								600.00					600.00	600.00	
Coal oil								180.00					180.00	180.00	
Tobacco for convicts								400 00					400.00	400.00	
Six wall guards								570.39	929.61				1500 00	1500 00	
Two cell room guards									720.00				720.00	720 00	
Two turnkeys									320.19	399.81			720.00	720.00	
One foreman in laundry and tailor shop										360 00			360.00	360.00	
Two keepers for store-room and kitchen										720.00			720.00	720 00	
One stable and stock man										320.00			320.00	320 00	
One engineer										271.39	328 61		600.00	600 00	
One night watch											360 00		360.00	360.00	
Total	$2667.39	$1912 36	$2035 80	$1968 00	$2032 80	$2054.40	$2160.05	$2050 20	$1969.80	$2071 20	$2221 20		23152 13	25384.33	$2232.20

The following table shows the amount received from the sale of property belonging to the Nebraska Penitentiary, at the time it was tranferred to contractor, October 1st, 1877.

Also list of accounts paid with the proceeds of said sale:

	AMT.	AMT.
W. H. B. Stout, sale of hogs	$400 00	
W. H. B. Stout, groceries and provisions on hand October 1st, 1877	381 93	
H. C. Dawson, sale of team and wagon	230 00	
L. F. Wyman, sale of hay	96 00	
A. Buckstaff, sale of hogs	50 00	
Lancaster county, board of prisoners	68 85	
		$1226 78

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Thos. Sewell, groceries and provisions	$277 88	
W. J. Turner, drugs	6 00	
J. M. Bracken, butter	29 00	
P. J. Mosher, hardware	6 30	
D. & C. L. Baum, hardware	20 93	
J. H. Harley, drugs	26 30	
S. Cooper, ice	31 97	
H. C. Smith, repairs on roof	125 80	
Johnson & Campbell, repairs on roof	10 00	
W. H. B. Stout, on contract December, 1877	381 93	
S. Cooper, ice	29 05	
F. P. Halsey, fuel	14 10	
George Seifert, harness	38 00	
N. C. Brock, drugs	52 15	
W. H. B. Stout, repairs	177 37	
		$1226 78

Claims against the State Penitentiary 1877 and 1878.

SALARIES.

DATE. MONTH.	DAY.	YEAR.		AMT.
Feb.	1	1877.	H. Masterman, guard, January	$35 00
"	1	"	Ed. Cochran, turnkey, "	75 00
"	1	"	O. H. Parson, keeper, "	35 00
"	1	"	T. S. Nolan, librarian, "	35 00
"	1	"	C. C. McPherson, clerk, "	50 00

March.	1	"	C. C. McPherson, clerk, February...	25	00
"	1	"	H. Masterman, k'p'r and g'd, " ...	28	84
"	1	"	T. S. Nolan, librarian, " ...	15	00
"	1	"	Ed. Cochran, general forem'n " ...	37	50
"	8	"	O. H. Parson, keeper, " ...	19	82
			Total.....	$356	16

The above claims are for guards employed in the Penitentiary at the time the appropriation for the year 1877 was made by the Legislature, for said institution.

Which appropriation reduced the number of guards, and also reduced the amount to be paid each guard and keeper, and made no provision for the payment of the extra guards employed during the months of January and February, 1877.

SUPPLIES.

MONTH.	DATE. DAY.	YEAR.		AMT.	
April	25,	1877.	Ottoman, Cavey & Co., coffee.....	$400	53
May	7	"	Hay & Prentice, cooking apparatus.	313	58
June	4	"	Lew Franklin, coffee,.....	208	00
			Total.....	$922	11

The above claims are for supplies furnished the State Penitentiary during the year 1877, for which no bills were presented until after the appropriations for that year were exhausted.

REPAIRS.

June 26, 1877.		Worner & McCord, material and labor on roof.....	$ 239	20
July 7,	"	H. C. Smith, " " " "	1570	43
Oct. 1,	"	Dobson & Campbell " " "	76	50
May 31, 1878.		W. H. B. Stout, windmill, pipes, &c...	430	91
		Total.....	$2317	04

ESTIMATES.

Estimates for Nebraska penitentiary for two years, commencing A . . 1st, 1879:

To pay Contractor	1879	$28000.00	
To " "	1880	32000.00	
			$60000.00
For Erecting Cells		$24000.00	
For " Hospital		5000.00	
Sewer		500.00	
Completing Wall and Towers		4000.00	
			$33500.00
Total			$93500.00

The accompanying reports of the Warden, Physician, and Chaplain give a full history of their several departments and contain many useful suggestions.

We would respectfully recommend the raising of the salary of the Deputy Warden from nine hundred to twelve hundred dollars per year. This would be an act of justice, as to this officer much of the credit for the good discipline of the Institution is due.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS.

In this department, all of the books, papers, records, etc., pertaining to the lands owned by the State, are retained. At present, only two small safes are provided for their safe keeping. Many of these records and papers are of great importance, and are kept in wooden cases. An appropriation of seven hundred and fifty dollars is requested for a vault to secure them from danger from fire or other accident. Many of these papers could not be replaced if once destroyed, and others only at great expense.

The following table will show the expenditures of this department from the several appropriations. The appropriation for postal expenses proved to be inadequate to the demands of the

office, and stamps to the amount of one hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-seven cents have been furnished by the executive department, making a total of three hundred and thirty-nine and twenty-two one-hundreths dollars expended.

STATEMENT

Showing the expense of the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, from January 1, 1877, to November 30, 1878, inclusive.

	Amount appropriated	Amount expended	Unexpended
Commissioner	$ 4000.00	$ 3500.00	$ 500.00
Deputy commissioner	2400.00	2100.00	300.00
Clerk and Book-keeper	2000.00	1750.00	250.00
Books and stationery	1000.00	* 827.20	172.80
Postage and postal expenses	200.00	† 196.65	3.35
Expressage and telegraphing	100.00	63.00	37.00
Traveling expenses	400.00	332.70	67.30
Office Furniture	1000.00	* 895.41	104.59
Total	$ 11100.00	$ 9664.96	$ 1435.04

*Appropriated for two years and one quarter.

†$142.57 in stamps, in addition to the appropriation was furnished this office by the executive department.

In conclusion, it is but just that favorable mention should be made in this public manner of the valuable services rendered the State by the clerks employed in this department during the last two years.

Very respectfully,
F. M. DAVIS,
Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.